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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A display system for a handheld computing device, the display system comprising:
 - a processing unit having a first communication port; and
 - a visual display unit separable from the processing unit, the visual display unit being useable in a compact state when attached to the processing unit, the visual display unit including:
 - a visual display; and
 - a second communication port, wherein the display system can be expanded from an initial or storage state to present a larger visual display size, the first communication port providing communication with the second communication port when the visual display is separated from the processing unit.
2. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the visual display unit can be folded or rolled to facilitate storage in a compact or stored state.
3. (Original) The display system of claim 2, wherein the handheld computing device includes a retracting mechanism, the mechanism used to retract the visual display unit to store the visual display unit in its compact or stored state.
4. (Original) The display system of claim 2, wherein the handheld computing device includes a support apparatus to anchor and support the visual display unit while it is in use.
5. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the first communication port is housed in a first connection housing attached to the processing unit that mates with the second communication port housed in a second connection housing attached to the visual display unit.

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6. (Original) The display system of claim 5, wherein the first connection housing attached to the processing unit mates with the second connection housing attached to the visual display unit to support and anchor the visual display unit to facilitate viewing.

7. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the visual display unit displays data uploaded from the processing unit while the visual display unit is separated from the processing unit.

8. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the visual display unit includes a bi-stable visual display.

9. (Original) The display system of claim 8, wherein the visual display is implemented using e-paper technology.

10. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the visual display unit includes a power source to power the visual display unit to display data while the visual display unit is separated from the processing unit.

11. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the visual display unit includes memory and a microprocessor to store and retrieve data uploaded from the processing unit.

12. (Original) The display system of claim 11, wherein the visual display unit includes a navigation apparatus to allow the user to access data stored in the memory associated with the display system.

13. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the first and second communication ports include wireless transceivers.

14. (Original) The display system of claim 1, wherein the visual display is at least partially transparent.

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15. (Original) The display system of claim 14, wherein the visual display includes a transparent shutter layer.

16. (Currently Amended) A handheld computing device comprising:
a processor;
a first communications port attached to the handheld computing device;
an information storage system; and
a visual display unit detachable from the handheld computing device, including:
a visual display, and
a second communication port coupled to the visual display and communicating with the first communication port when the visual display unit is detached from the handheld computing device, wherein the visual display unit can be expanded from a compact state and the visual display unit is useable in the compact state when attached to the handheld computer device.

17. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 16, wherein the visual display unit includes random access memory and a second processor.

18. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 17, wherein the second processor can access information stored on the random access memory for display on the visual display.

19. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 18, where the visual display unit includes a navigation apparatus to instruct the processing unit to access information in the random access memory for display on the visual display.

20. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 16, wherein information is displayed on the visual display while the display unit is detached from the handheld computing device.

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21. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 20, wherein the visual display unit includes a bi-stable visual display that can display uploaded information without power requirements.

22. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 20, wherein the visual display unit includes a power source.

23. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 16, wherein the visual display unit can be folded or rolled to store in a compact state.

24. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 23, wherein the handheld computing device includes a storage means for the visual display unit in the compact state.

25. (Original) The handheld computing device of claim 16, wherein the handheld computing device includes a mechanism to anchor and support the visual display unit in the expanded state.

26-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method of using a handheld computer, the method comprising:

displaying information on a visual display unit in a compact state when coupled to a handheld computer

expanding a the visual display unit from a the compact state to an expanded state;
displaying information on the visual display unit to a user;
detaching the visual display unit from the handheld computing device; and
communicating information from the handheld computer to the visual display unit over a wireless connection.

29-30. (Cancelled)